

Called Meeting of City Council  
Council Chamber Austin Texas  
August 9<sup>th</sup> 1876

Council called to order at 4.40 P.M.  
F. W. Shandor President of the Board of Aldermen in the  
Chair

Roll called and the following members answered  
Alderman Cook, Hoffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Larmon,  
Robinson and Taylor. Absent Alderman Brandon and Shanks  
Garrison present

The president informed the council that they  
had been called together for the purpose of taking action  
on the report of the Police Committee to whom was referred  
the charges preferred by the City Marshal against Police Officer  
J. W. Lane. Whereupon the committee submitted the  
following report, together with the testimony taken in the  
case.

Mayors Office Austin Texas

August 9<sup>th</sup> 1876

To the Hon City Council  
of the City of Austin

Your Committee on Police to  
whom was referred the matter of investigating the  
charges preferred by the City Marshal against  
Police Officer J. W. Lane, have the honor to report that they  
have performed the duty assigned them by taking the  
testimony of all the witnesses presented by both parties, and  
find from the evidence that the charges have been sustain-  
ed, your Committee respectfully recommend that Police  
Officer J. W. Lane, be discharged from the Police force of the  
City and that said discharge be dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1876.

Respectfully Submitted

F. W. Shandor Mayor pro tem  
John H. Robinson

Chairman Police Com  
F. O. Goodale

Committee on Police

Alderman Taylor introduced the following  
resolution

Be it resolved by the City Council of the  
City of Austin, That the report of the Police Committee  
be received and adopted, and Officer J. W. Lane be

discharged from the Police Force from the date of this Resolution, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1876 Carried  
By Alderman Robinson. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That an additional Policeman be added to the present police force and that said Policeman be stationed in Ward 7<sup>th</sup>

The Yeas and Nays being ordered the Resolution passed by the following vote. Yeas Alderman Cook Buffenbaugh, Goodale, James and Robinson  
Nays Alderman Larmon and Taylor

By Alderman Taylor. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Chief of Police be required to report each direction of duty of any Policeman, in order that a more perfect system of Police may be obtained  
Carries

By Alderman Robinson. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Mayor be authorized to advertise for three days, for proposals for covering the bridges at the intersections of Congress Avenue and Pecan Street and the bridge at the intersection of Bois D Arc Street and Congress Avenue with good first class Cutlassier or Florida Pine lumber, to be at least three inches in thickness, to be paid for in City Warrants when said work is accepted by the City Engineer and Street Committee  
Carries

By Alderman Cook. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that if there are any Police Officers under pay of this City who have not been confirmed by the Board of Aldermen that their names be submitted to the Council at the next meeting  
Carries

On motion of Alderman Taylor the Council adjourned to Thursday at 1<sup>st</sup> o'clock P.M. August 17<sup>th</sup> 1876

John F. Gobbold  
City Clerk

Approved Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1876

Adjourned Meeting of City Council  
Austin Texas August 17 1876.

Council called to order at 4.20 P.M. by Alderman Shultz and on his motion Alderman Cook was called to the Chair.

Roll called and the following members answered Alderman Cook, Duffenbaugh, James, Larimore, Robinson and Shultz. Absent Alderman Brandon, Woodall and Taylor. George present.

On motion of Alderman Shultz the City Marshal was directed to bring in the absentees.

The Journals of the meeting of August 9<sup>th</sup> was read and adopted.

Alderman Taylor came in and answered Petition of G. S. West, asking that the ordinance prohibiting the running at large of Cattle within certain portions of the City be enforced or repealed, or so amended as to authorize him without fine to fire his double barrel shot gun ten times each night.

On motion of Alderman Shultz the petition was referred to the City Attorney and City Marshall.

The friends of the Board came in and took the chair and Alderman Woodall came in and answered.

Petition of H. C. Cook and Ladd Company asking that an appropriation be made to purchase the necessary Furniture for their Stating room.

On motion of Alderman Cook the petition was referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Petition of Townsend and Anderson asking payment for Mason work Excavating and filling in the walls at the foot of Congress Avenue and Bridge on South Street.

On motion of Alderman Taylor the petition was referred to Committee on Finance with power to act.

Petition of H. Birchfield, stating that he is the owner of Lots 31 & 9, 10, 11 & 12 in Block 77 162, and that a deep gully has been washed in the Street, so that when it rains the water overflows his Lots and is running his property and asking that the Street may be fixed in such a manner so as to turn the water from his property.

On motion of Alderman Shultz the petition was

referred to the Committee on Streets with power to act  
in regard to the Sterzing City Asessor and Collector  
presented an application for leave of absence for three  
or four weeks.

On motion of Alderman Daffernbaugh the leave  
of absence was granted.

Ed Lorraine City Marshal presented an application  
for leave of absence for ten days.

On motion of Alderman Blunts the leave of absence  
was granted.

Alderman Brewster came in and answered  
Petition of Jas. B. Barone asking leave to move from  
Building from centre of Lot No 10 in Block 12-58 to North  
end of said Lot.

On motion of Alderman Blunts the petition was  
referred to Committee on Fire Department.

The Committee on Charities submitted the following  
report:

The Committee to whom was referred the  
petition of Mr. Montgomery for charity. Respectfully  
recommend the sum of Twenty dollars per month from  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 1876 till such time as the said Montgomery may  
be able to make a support for himself.

W. A. Taylor.

Charity Com on Charity  
On motion of Alderman Blunts the report of the  
Committee was received, and the amount of Twenty dollars  
per month allowed until further action of the City  
Council.

By Alderman Daffernbaugh. Be it resolved by  
the City Council of the City of Austin. That a special  
Committee of three be appointed to audit the claims of  
the merchants, on the three fourths of one per cent tax  
refunded at the last regular meeting. Adopted

The President appointed the following Committee  
Alderman Daffernbaugh, Taylor and James.

By Alderman Robinson Be it resolved by  
the City Council of the City of Austin. That the penalty  
of Ten dollars to be added on the first of September in  
accordance with the Ordinance on the unpaid ad-  
valorum tax, be and is hereby extended to the first  
day of October of this year. Adopted

On motion of Alderman Blunts the Mayor was  
authorized to re-advertise <sup>the day for</sup> proposals for floating the

Bridges at the intersections of Dean St and Congress Avenue and at the intersection of East Torch Street and Congress Avenue

By Alderman Shultz. Resolved that the Board now proceed to open and examine the bids filed with the Clerk for Fencing the city Cemetery, and if any one of said bids be such as this Board approve, then the same shall be accepted, and that the Mayor be authorized in that event to make a contract on such bid

Adopted

The following bids were opened

#1 Galvin & Gutter

Building New Fence & furnishing material	18 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per foot Cash
" " "	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " Warrants
Removing & Replacing Old Fence	,10.4 "
Rock Work \$4 " per Pouch	

#2 J. F. Swatt

Building New Fence & furnishing material	,20¢ per foot
Removing & Replacing old Fence	,35¢ " "

#3 Jeremiah Steckan

Building New fence & furnishing material	,19¢ per foot
Removing & Replacing old fence (Pickets)	,06¢ "
Rock Work \$2.75 per Pouch	

#4 Shook & Wilcox

Building New Fence & furnishing material	30¢ per foot Cash
Removing old Fence & Replacing	15¢ " "
Rock Work \$3.00 per Pouch	

#5 Culborth & Co

Building New Fence & furnishing material.	\$133.11
Removing & Replacing old fence	\$9.00
Rock work	20.00

By Alderman Shultz. Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to make a contract with Jeremiah Steckan as per his bid this day opened for building fence around the Cemetery. Provided that the same shall be paid for with money paid and to be paid for Cemetery lots sold. And said Contract shall be so worded as to comply with this resolution

Adopted

On Motion of Alderman Cook the Council  
adjourned

*John Jeffcoat*  
Aldy Clark

Called Meeting of City Council  
Council Chamber August 21<sup>st</sup> 1876

Council called to order at 12.25 P.M.  
F. W. Holden President of Board of Aldermen in the Chair  
Role called and the following members answered  
Aldermen. Brown, Cook, Daffernayt, James, Peterson  
and Taylor. Absent Aldermen Goodall, Larmour and Charles  
Gronum present.

The President informed the council that he had  
called them together for the purpose of informing them that  
the Tower of the Fire Alarm Bell was in a dangerous con-  
dition and immediate action was necessary either the bell  
should be removed or the tower repaired.

Whereupon Alderman Taylor introduced the following  
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin  
that the Committee on Fire Department together with  
the City Engineer be instructed to inspect the old Fire  
Alarm Bell Tower and ascertain if it can be repaired  
and if so, what will be the cost of the necessary repairs,  
also to procure an estimate of the cost of removing  
the Fire Alarm Bell from its present fixture and place the  
same on the City Market House. It carried

The following proposal for Lining Bridges  
at intersection of Congress Avenue and Ocean Street and  
at intersection of Congress Avenue and Bois d'Arc Street  
(3 Bridges) in compliance with a resolution passed August  
9<sup>th</sup> 1876 was received and read

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